



TOWN OF ASHBURNHAM

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TOWN ADMINISTRATOR'S REPORT September 21, 2015

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TOWN COMMITTEES

Currently there are openings on the following (1) Conservation Commission, (1) Council on Aging Board, (2) Historical Commission and (1) Parks & Recreation Committee. These are listed on the Town's website under Volunteer Opportunities.

ROADS

River Styx and Russell Hill Roads paving is complete. Schedule will be set up to complete Holden, Turnpike and South Maple also within the next few weeks. We are still looking for alternative uses for the remaining grant funds from USDA.

IT

It is planned that the project will be completed by early December 2015. This will finally make the PSB the hub of our entire IT infrastructure. Additional projects might include extending the fiber network to the light and future DPW facilities.

SEWER

Weston and Sampson is installing the automated feed system at the Westminster pump station into the discharge end as well as getting the aerators working. Once in, we will be inviting the Gardner reps to review.

ENERGY COMMITTEE

We are moving forward with the Library portion of the project and have met with representatives from the engineering firms of D/E Corporation and B2Q to give us cost estimates. They would be developing design specification, assisting with the bids process, and overseeing the work. The Committee will be meeting on Wednesday the 23rd of September to hopefully select an Engineering firm.

SPECIAL TOWN MEETING

Warrant will close on September 24th, there are currently 14 articles submitted.

TOWN CLERK

We have advertised for the Town Clerk's position, with Linda Ramsdell retiring the end of October. We received 5 applications. I asked a small group to review and recommend 2-3 for interviews. I started the interviews last week and will make the selection this week. It is planned to have the new Clerk available for training the third week of October.

250th PARADE

The 250th Celebration Parade will be held on Sunday, September 27th at 1:00 p.m. It will begin at the bottom of High Street and continue to Landry Field. Hope to see everyone there!

NORTH COUNTRY SUSTAINABILITY

NCS has an outstanding debt to the Town for the time when they rented the VMS building. The group has not been able to pay the debt and there is almost no expectation that they will. I would like to see an article on the STM to write off that debt.